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For: ELECTRIC CHARGING	)	
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CHARGING CONTROL METHOD :		May 11, 2007

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed below on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of document (1) is enclosed.

(1) WO 00/51878

Document (1) corresponds to JP 2000-253591, which was cited in a February 13, 2007 Japanese Office Action during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. JP 2000-253591 was previously cited in the May 3, 2007 Information Disclosure Statement and is therefore not being cited again herein.

In view of the above date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

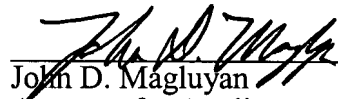
Accordingly, no fee is believed due; however, any fee should be charged to the Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

An English-language abstract accompanies document (1). It is also noted that U.S. Patent No. 6,624,610, which was previously cited in the May 3, 2007 Information Disclosure Statement, is an English-language counterpart for document (1). The concise explanation of relevance for non-English language document (1) is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English language abstract and the English-language counterpart. See MPEP § 609.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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